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1. PRESIDENT COUNCIL BINAGHI GAVE USREP REPORT ON STATUS OF PREPARATIONS FOR AUGUST 1976 LACAC ASSEMBLY. EXECUTIVE BOARD MET MED-DECEMBER. IT DID NOT FORMALLY DISCUSS QUESTION OF INVITATIONS TO OBSERVERS BUT INFORMAL MENTION WAS MADE OF ICAO ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION AND LACAC'S INTENT TO COMPLY RE INVITATIONS TO NON-MEMBER STATES. (A-21/8). LACAC INTENDS TO INVITE ALL ICAO STATES TO ITS ASSEMBLY AND THE INVITATION LIST WILL BE DRAWN UP AT AN APRIL MEETING DURING FINAL PREPARATIONS.

2. CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO CONDUCTING THE ASSEMBLY IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH IN AN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE ENGLISH-
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SPEAKING CARRIBEAN STATES TO JOIN AND PARTICIPATE IN LACAC (NONE OF THOSE STATES HAS YET RATIFIED ALTHOUGH TRINIDAD&TOBAGO

CONTINUES TO INDICATE IT EXPECTS TO BE A MEMBER). SINCE THERE ARE NO ENGLISH-SPEAKING LACAC MEMBER STATES THE ASSEMBLY WILL BE IN SPANISH ONLY AND THE USDEL AND ANY OTHER NON-SPANISH OBSERVER STATES WILL HAVE TO WORK IN SPANISH OR PROVIDE OWN INTERPRETATION.

3. BINAGHI RE-ITERATED FACT THAT 14 RATIFICATIONS TO LACAC STATUTES WERE DEPOSITED SOMETIME AGO AND THEY ARE IN EFFECT. HARPER

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